

Bharat 6G Alliance Strengthens Global Partnerships at 3rd International Bharat 6G Symposium 2026

Union MoS for Communications Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani addresses valedictory session; DoT highlights ESTIC 2026 and its focus on intelligent networks and quantum communication

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The 3rd International Bharat 6G Symposium 2026 concluded at Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, New Delhi, with a valedictory address by Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, Union Minister of State for Communications and Rural Development. Organised by the Bharat 6G Alliance (B6GA) alongside India Mobile Congress 2026, the three-day event brought together global telecom leaders, policymakers, standards organisations, industry, academia and researchers to discuss the roadmap towards IMT-2030 and beyond.



Union Minister of State for Communications and Rural Development is his address congratulated the Bharat 6G Alliance for organizing the two-day 3rd International Bharat 6G Symposium 2026 and for inviting over 75 speakers, which included more than 30 international experts.



The Union Minister of State said that India is moving from being one of the world's largest telecom markets to becoming an important telecom technology nation and our indigenous technology journey has taught us something important: Self-reliance and global collaboration are not opposites. The stronger our capabilities, the stronger the partner we can be to the world. The Union Minister of State highlighted that 6G must not create a new digital divide while we are still closing the old one. Affordability, accessibility and coverage must therefore be design requirements — not afterthoughts and in 6G, connectivity need not end where the tower ends. The integration of terrestrial and satellite networks can take connectivity further — to remote villages, islands, oceans and places that traditional networks struggle to reach. India is ready to test these technologies at scale — and share what we learn with the world. Our national goal is Viksit Bharat — a developed India by 2047, the hundredth year of our independence.

The experts contributed to sessions on 5G-Advanced foundations for 6G, global standards, spectrum and WRC-27, international trials and testbeds, AI-native and sustainable networks, startups and academia, global alliances, and industrial use cases. The Symposium emphasized that global interoperability and inclusive 6G development will depend on collaboration across countries, industry, research institutions and standards bodies.



The Symposium reaffirmed India's commitment to contributing to global 6G research and standards while building indigenous capabilities and strengthening international partnerships. Its discussions called for coordinated standards development, collaborative research, spectrum harmonization and large-scale testing, with affordability, accessibility, security and sustainability embedded in the design of future networks.

A key outcome was the exchange of five new MoUs with GSMA, one6G, GTI Alliance, 6G Innovation Forum (6G IF) Taiwan and VOICE, strengthening opportunities for international cooperation, joint research, trials and knowledge exchange. B6GA also released ten white

papers and reports, including a Progress Report on 6G Joint Principles, reflecting continued work towards a 6G ecosystem that is secure, open, resilient, inclusive and sustainable by design.



During the valedictory session in the presence of the Minister of State for Communications, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) presented a curtain raiser for the Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave (ESTIC) 2026. The second edition of this national science and technology platform is scheduled from 27-29 October 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, under the guidance of the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser and organised by CSIR in collaboration with 12 participating departments/Ministries. Its theme is “Creative Minds, Catalyzing Science, Empowering Technologies”.

The three-day Conclave features plenary talks, 9 thematic technical sessions, panel discussions, presentations by science and technology leaders and deep-tech Startups, exhibitions and B2B/B2G connect meetings.

In the 2nd edition of ESTIC 2026, DoT is identified to lead the thematic session “Intelligent Networks and Quantum Communication”, scheduled for 28 October 2026. The session will explore technologies shaping future digital infrastructure and secure communications. It will feature a keynote by Mr. N. G. Subramaniam, Vice President, TCS; presentations by deep-tech entrepreneurs and technology leaders; and a panel discussion with experts from IIT Kanpur, IIT Delhi, HFCL, Reliance Jio and Bharat 6G Alliance, moderated by Dr. Rajkumar Upadhyay, CEO, C-DOT.

For more details, please visit: www.estic2026.in

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Established in July 2023, Bharat 6G Alliance is an industry-led collaborative platform bringing together telecom service providers, industry, startups, academia and research institutions to advance India’s 6G ambitions. It promotes indigenous research and

innovation, intellectual property creation, international standards engagement and partnerships for an affordable, secure, sustainable and globally interoperable 6G ecosystem.

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